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In any ΔABC , holds :

$$r_a^3 + r_b^3 + r_c^3 - 3r_a r_b r_c \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} r_a^3 + r_b^3 + r_c^3 - 3r_a r_b r_c &\geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc) \\ \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \right)^3 - 3 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b \right) - r_a r_b r_c \right) - 3r_a r_b r_c &\geq \\ &\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow (4R + r)^3 - 3s^2(4R + r) &\geq \sqrt{3}s(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{(4R + r)}{\sqrt{3}s} ((4R + r)^2 - 3s^2) &\stackrel{(*)}{\geq} s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now, via Doucet (or Trucht), LHS of (*) $\geq 16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2 - 3s^2$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2) - r(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0$$

\rightarrow true $\because s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ and $-r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 0 \Rightarrow (*)$ is true

$$\therefore r_a^3 + r_b^3 + r_c^3 - 3r_a r_b r_c \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc)$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, "="$ iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)